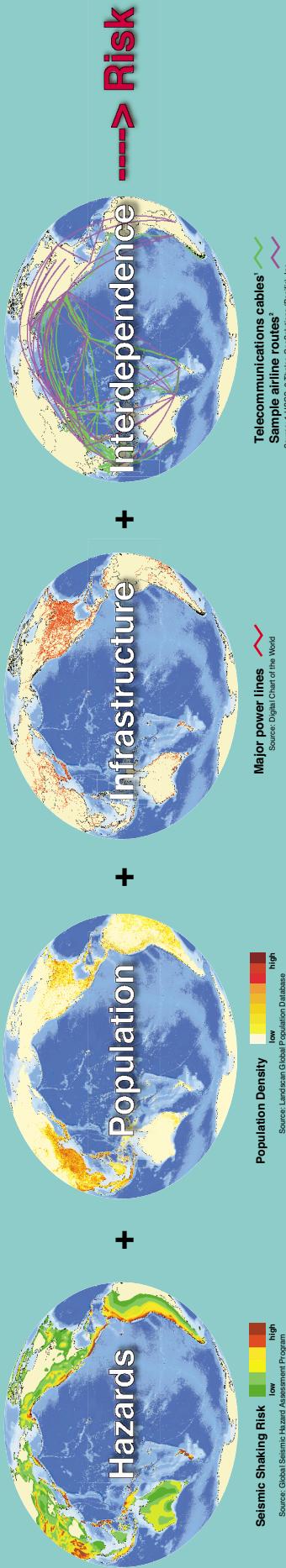




# Crowding the Rim

Fostering collaborative solutions for regional risks



The Pacific Rim region, known as the 'Ring of Fire' for its many volcanoes as well as other natural hazards, is currently experiencing unprecedented population and infrastructure growth. With international economic and social connections increasing, the consequences of a disaster in any one city may reverberate throughout the Pacific Rim and the rest of the world.

**Crowding the Rim** creates educational tools to highlight the potential reverberating effects of natural disasters, and promotes cross-sector, international discussion to mitigate regional catastrophes.



**Crowding the Rim International Workshops** establish dialogue among a wide range of scientists, decision-makers, business and industry representatives, emergency managers, and NGO professionals throughout the Pacific Rim region. Together, they examine regional hazard risks and build collaborative mitigation strategies. Workshops will occur in Costa Rica, China, and Oceania in 2002-3.

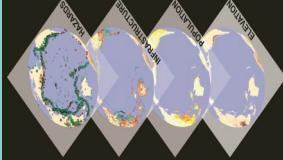


**RimSim** is a conflict negotiation simulation that provides an opportunity for realistic problem-solving to reduce risk in an increasingly interconnected global community. This day-long simulation activity stimulates discussion about disaster recovery and uses a 'mutual gains' approach to mitigation that embraces regional, rather than parochial, land-use planning.



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**The Crowding the Rim Education Module** engages future decision-makers of the Pacific Rim to better understand relationships among natural hazards, populations, and economics, and to discuss mitigation. A set of 6 secondary-level classroom lessons, it incorporates group discussion, collaborative problem-solving, and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology.



**HAZPAC** is an interactive, online digital map that you can use to explore the regional interconnections and shared risks of the Pacific Rim region. HazPac maps include layers of information on natural hazards, population, and infrastructure that are combined using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology.



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